

Today's Topics:

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Date: Tue, 19 Dec 89 00:59:09 EST

From: mgb@apg-tecnet.apg.army.mil

Subject: ANS: Interpretation.....Lone Ranger....

Message-ID: <8912190559.AA23503@apg-tecnet.apg.army.mil>

In regards to a recent posting I have been accused of putting words into Dube Todd's mouth....among other things. :-) Below is what was said:

*The only person giving you support is Dube Todd
*who was another person that went off trying to say that someone was breaking
*the law by asking for military daily use callsigns. He happened to be wrong
*but "his heart was in the right place" right?

And Dube Todd replied:

>Mark Bitterlich's comment, "....Dube Todd who was another person that went
>off trying to say that someone was breaking the law....." deserves retort.
>First of all, I made no mention of breaking the law. Perhaps Bitterlich
>ought to pay more attention to what he reads here. Secondly: I usually
>say what I mean; I don't "try to say". What Mark is flaming is what HE
>READ INTO what I said. So don't put words into my mouth, buster. If you
>want to discuss the issues, fine; but don't put up your own agenda and
>attack it as mine!

However here is the exact quote from Dube on the subject:

>In article <8911212358.AA17672@ti.com>, dube@cpdvax.csc.ti.com (DUBE TODD)
>writes:
>Several people have correctly cited the freedom to listen to any radio
>communications. I support that. However, Balinski asked about the aircraft
>home base, etc. While the radio transmissions he heard were obviously
>unclassified, the association of the call signs with aircraft type, unit
>of assignment and home base is classified information.

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So you are correct Dube, you never said anything specifically about breaking the law, you just inferred that the release of unit callsigns for military aircraft is a security compromise when associated with the name and homebase of the unit. However, I hope that you would agree that the release of classified information is considered to be "against the law", which is what I was talking about.

By the way, to answer the above question once and for all. I personally checked with unit, Group, and Wing activities in this area and they informed me that daily use military aircraft callsigns are not classified and they do in fact respond to QSL cards (if sent with a SASE). If anyone needs a phone number to call to verify this, please send me a message. I informed Dube of this with personal email. Unit Public Relations Officers are the point of contact for getting QSL's from a particular unit. They are not REQUIRED to respond to you, but they are allowed and in some cases encouraged to do so.

I said that Dube supported Jim Grubs. I got that impression from the following posting.

>From: dube@cpdvax.csc.ti.com (DUBE TODD)
>Subject: Packet compression
>I believe that every Ham should be concerned
>about the use of any methods or techniques that might work against the best
>interests of the hobby. And I DON'T think we should try to palm off the
>responsibility to the "Big Brother" we are all so afraid of. If the
>compression technique works within the established rules, then there's no
>problem; if not, then Jim has every reason to be concerned, as do the rest
>of us.
>Dube Todd, N5PDK

If you want to get right down to it, I do not agree with Dube on worrying about new techniques or methods that might work against the best interests of the hobby. In my short 23 years as an amateur, I have noticed that the introduction of every new development and mode has been met by some with suspicion and worry about "what it might do to the hobby". But I have never seen the service actually threatened by advents in technology or by the use of new and/or innovative methods. Most of the rules concerning these new modes were made AFTER the new mode was developed. To do it the other way around would mean that the FCC would have to invent EVERYTHING.

I believe that every ham should avoid being "concerned" but should instead encourage and contribute TOWARDS new methods and techniques, and should not immediately look for possible rule infractions before the idea has even jelled. I believe these worries (and others) are

very premature and in some cases counterproductive.

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ARRL BULLETIN 91 (ARLB091) 12/15/89

ON DECEMBER 12, ARRL COUNSEL CHRIS IMTAY, N3AKD, FILED A PETITION FOR RULE MAKING WITH FCC SEEKING THE ADOPTION OF RULES TO PERMIT LIMITED HF RTTY AND DATA COMMUNICATION UNDER AUTOMATIC CONTROL.

THE PETITION SEEKS DESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING BAND SEGMENTS AS BEING AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVELY, FOR AUTOMATIC CONTROL OF RTTY AND DATA TRANSMISSIONS. 3605 TO 3615 KHZ, 7035 TO 7045 KHZ, 10140 TO 10150 KHZ, 14090 TO 14100 KHZW, 18100 TO 18110 KHZ, 21090 TO 21100 KHZ, 24920 TO 24930 KHZ, AND 28100 TO 28120 KHZ.

THE FCC HAS NOT YET ASSIGNED AN RM NUMBER. AR

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ARRL PFB NR 51 (ARLP051) 12/18/89

THOUGH DECEMBER BEGAN WITH THE SOLAR FLUX AT 235, THE TREND HAS BEEN MOSTLY DOWNWARD SINCE. THERE WAS A DROP TO 183 BY 10 DECEMBER, ITS FIRST DAY UNDER 200 SINCE 30 OCTOBER. THE SLIDE DOWNWARD CONTINUED TO 167, THE LOWEST FLUX LEVEL SINCE SEPTEMBER. THE TREND HAS BEEN UPWARD SINCE 14 DECEMBER, BUT THE FLUX HAD REACHED ONLY 181 BY BULLETIN TIME.

THERE HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY MORE VISIBLE ACTIVITY ON THE SUN IN RECENT DAYS, BUT NOTHING SPECTACULAR. THE FLUX RISE ON SUNDAY WAS SEVEN POINTS, WITH MORE LIKELY THIS WEEK. ON THE DARK SIDE OF THE PICTURE, THE SUNDAY SOLAR FLUX READING, 181, IS 54 POINTS BELOW THE CORRESPONDING DAY IN THE PREVIOUS SOLAR ROTATION.

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR THE BEACONS NOW IN OPERATION ON 28 AND 50 MHZ ARE VERY HELPFUL. IF YOU HEAR 10 METER SKIP AT DISTANCES OF AROUND 1000 MILES OR LESS, THE CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT THE SHORT SKIP IS BY WAY OF THE E REGION OF THE IONOSPHERE. IF THE SIGNALS ARE STRONG AND FAIRLY STEADY, IT IS LIKELY THAT 50 MHZ MAY BE OPEN ALSO, PROBABLY AT SLIGHTLY GREATER DISTANCES, BUT IN ABOUT THE SAME DIRECTION. THE NUMBER OF 50 MHZ BEACONS IS INCREASING. MOST ARE ON CW, BELOW 50.1 MHZ.

ANOTHER AID IN WORKING 50 MHZ DX IS FREQUENT MONITORING OF 28.885 MHZ, WHERE BITS OF HOT INFORMATION ABOUT 50 MHZ ACTIVITY ARE EXCHANGED. FOR THIS WEEK, THE LIKELIHOOD OF 50 MHZ OPENINGS SHOULD IMPROVE IF THE SOLAR FLUX CONTINUES TO RISE, AS NOW SEEMS LIKELY.

AMERICAN SUNSPOT NUMBERS FOR DECEMBER 7 THROUGH 13 WERE BETWEEN 89 AND 186 WITH A MEAN OF 128.0. AR

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Date: 18 Dec 89 23:35:33 GMT
From: att!cbnews1!grk@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (george.r.kuntz)
Subject: expanded mode for Yaesu FT-727R

Message-ID: <3351@cbnews1.ATT.COM>

I have a Yaesu FT-727R. A couple of years ago someone posted an article describing how to expand its range to 100-199 MHz. I no longer have a copy of the article but I would like very much to be able to RECEIVE 158.82, my local police dispatch frequency. I am an EMT on a local rescue squad and the police dispatch us on this frequency. Although I have a beeper, hearing the police conversations may allow me to anticipate calls and get to them that much sooner. Anyone still have this information handy? Please send e-mail and I'll summarize to the net.

Thanks in advance,
Ralph N2HBN (attunix.att.com!grk)

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Date: 18 Dec 89 20:31:36 GMT
From: rti!xyzy!aquila!harrism@mcnc.org (Mike Harris)
Subject: ham radio
Message-ID: <1521@xyzy.UUCP>

Perhaps we could add more "channels" like ".politics", ".controversy", ".homebrewing", ".antennas", etc.? (Then as long as nobody modified their "radio" for "out of band" operation, most everybody should be happier. :=)) I'd much subscribe to a few more subnews groups than wait 15 minutes while my reader discards 80% of the traffic.

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SPECIAL ARRL BULLETIN 73 ARLX073

DECEMBER 18, 1989

W1AW CHIEF OPERATOR CHUCK BENDER, W1WPR, WILL PULL HIS FINAL SHIFT OF DUTY PRIOR TO RETIREMENT THIS SATURDAY NIGHT LOCAL, DECEMBER 23. WITH 38 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO ARRL, CHUCK HAS THE DISTINCTION OF HOLDING THE RECORD FOR LONGEST TERM AS A W1AW OPERATOR. IN THE 70S AND EARLIER, SOME WILL REMEMBER HIS PERSONAL SINE CR AT THE END OF CONTACT, A PRACTICE SINCE DISCONTINUED. THE FINAL TRANSMISSION FROM W1AW WITH W1WPR AT THE CONTROLS WILL BE THE 0545 DECEMBER 24 UTC PHONE BULLETIN. WELL WISHERS ON CHUCK'S RETIREMENT ARE URGED TO SEND MESSAGES TO CHUCK IN C/O W1AW. 73 TO CHUCK BENDER, CHIEF OPERATOR EMERITUS, IN HIS RETIREMENT. SIGNED, JOHN, W1XX, TRUSTEE.

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